THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Delhi Police has reported that Shastri Vegetable Market in South Moti Bagh has been existing for the last several years in jhuggi type shops and the shop-keepers have Teh-Bazari provided by the Civil Authorities. The Delhi Police have reported that they ensure that the shop-keepers do not display their goods on the pavement/footpath or on the roads.

(b) Whenever any encroachment is noticed, the local police take necessary action against the vendors of the market under Delhi Police Act. The Delhi Police takes action in closs cooperation with the civil authorities, like NDMC and MCD.

Conditions of Jails

3872. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmeet are aware of deteriorating conditions of jails all the country;

(b) what effective measures have been taken in the recent past to improve the conditions of jails;

(c) whether any review of the prevailing conditions of jails has been undertaken to assess adequacy of minimum facilities; and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the fresh initiative being taken by Government to improve jail conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) 'Prisons' being a State subject, the primary responsibility of prison administration lies with the State Governments. Government of India had constituted an All India Jail Reforms Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice A. N. Mulla (Retd.) to go into various aspects of prison administration in the country. The Committee (1980 83)'s recommendations which primarily concerned the State Governments were forwarded to them for implementation. However, Government of India have provided an amount of Rs. 45.08 crores during the last five years under the Scheme of Modernisation of Prison Administration to the State Governments/UTs for supplementing their efforts to improve their jail conditions and for modernisation of security, communication and transport arrangements.

No deceipt of rehabilitation grants by victims of G.N.L.F. movement

3873. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of victims of G.N.L.F. movement, who were evicted from their hearths and homes and were rendared homeless due to the massive arson of their houses, are yet to get the second instalment of their rehabilitation grant; and

(b) if so, the number of such victims and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Violence in Darjeeling

3874. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that violence in Darjeeling hill is still continuing even after the signing of Darjeeling Accord on the 22nd August, 1988;

(b) if so, the number of cases of murders and arson that took place during the last four years; and

(c) the number of people affected there-by?